Financial Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for Housing Activities

689. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount of financial assitance released to Andhra Pradesh during 1995-96 and 1996-97 for housing activities;

(b) whether utilisation certificates for the financial year 1995-96 have been furnished by the State Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details figures, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) Rs.88.44 crores and Rs.54.85 crores were released as Central share to Andhra Pradesh under Indira Awas Yojana during 1995-96 and 1996-97 respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

National Old Age Pension and National Family Benefit Schemes in Nagpur

690. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Old Age Pension Scheme and National Family Benefit Scheme have been extended to Nagpur district in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details of funds released for the district, to implement these schemes since 1995, till date;

(c) the number of old persons and families benefitted under the schemes, so far;

(d) whether all the eligible old persons and families in the district have been covered under the schemes; and

(e) if not, what steps Government propose to take to cover all the eligible persons/families in the district under the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 30.10 lakhs under the National Old Age Pension Scheme and Rs. 67.55 lakhs under the National Family Benefit Scheme have been released to Nagpur District during 1995-96;

(c) The number of beneficiaries benefited as reported by the State Government for the two schemes is given below:—

Name of Scheme	No. of Beneficiaries
i) NOAPS	140
ii) NFBS	15

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The State Government as well as the District Administration have been asked to make all out efforts to identify all eligible persons and families to enable them to receive these benefits. The State Government as well as the District have also been given funds for publicity, so as to make more people aware of the scheme.

कच्छ क्षेत्र के विकासार्थ निधियां

691. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ल:** क्या ग्रामीण और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) केन्द्रीय सरकार और गुजरात सरकार ने समन्वित ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम (आइ०आर०डी०पी०), राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार कार्यक्रम, जवाहर रोजगार योजना (जे०आर०वाई०) और ग्रामीण रोजगार गारंटी योजना के अधीन प्रत्येक जिले को अब तक कितनी धनराशि आबंटित की है;

(ख) किन-किन योजनाओं से कच्छ के लोगों को फायदा हुआ है;

(ग) 1996-97 के दौरान केन्द्रीय सरकार तथा गुजरात सरकार ने कच्छ जिले के विकासार्थ कितनी धनराशि आबंटित की है; और

(घ) केन्द्रीय सरकार और राज्य सरकार ने कच्छ जिले में वर्तमान सूखे की स्थिति से निपटने के लिए क्या प्रभावी उपाय किए हैं?